

Greece Reports

Supervisor Auburger was joined by County Executive Maggie Brooks, County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo, State Senator Joe Robach and other local officials to cut the ribbon on the new program room at the Greece Public Library.

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Kid Squad participants have fun at the playground at the Greece Town Campus while dressing up as "Grown Ups" for the day.



Safety Town participants learn about fire safety from Pete Sidari of the North Greece Fire Department at the Greece CSC.



From Left: Erin Muench from Assemblyman Bill Reilich's office, Councilwoman Shannon O'Keefe, County Executive Maggie Brooks, County Legislator Jeff McCann, Dewey Corridor Neighbors member Mary Tweed, Supervisor John Auburger, County Legislator Fred Ancello and Councilman Andrew Conlon at the Historic Northgate Marker unveiling in front of Northgate Plaza.



One of many adventurous activities during the Trail Mix program hosted by the Greece CSC.

Dear Friend:

Being active is an important part of living a healthy lifestyle. Here at the Town of Greece, we try to make it as fun and easy as possible to stay active and be physically fit.

The Town of Greece Community and Senior Center (CSC) offers dozens of conditioning and aerobic classes every week. Current fitness classes offered at the CSC include Gentle Stretch & Strength, Strength & Conditioning, Cardio/Interval Fitness and Low Impact Aerobics.

In addition to a variety of aerobic classes, the CSC offers a walking track that is open to members during normal daily business hours – 8:00 a.m. – 7:50 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Members can also take advantage of various open gym times, as well as adult pickleball and adult volleyball. A complete list of class and activity times can be found at the CSC website, www.greecenyc.gov/csc.

If you prefer staying active in the great outdoors, don't worry, we have many ways you can do that too! This fall marks the two year anniversary of the Town of Greece and Wegmans coming together to bring you the Greece Passport to Family Wellness.

In this booklet you'll find maps to 12 trail systems and 5 canoe routes, all in the Town of Greece. Each trail and

canoe route offers various outdoor activities – whether it's hiking and cross-country skiing or bird watching and fishing, you'll be amazed at the outdoor activities you can find in the Town of Greece. The Greece Passport to Family Wellness is free and can be found at any of the Greece Wegmans stores, at the Town of Greece CSC or online at www.greecenyc.gov.

I hope you find staying active to be an easy and enjoyable experience in the Town of Greece. Please feel free to contact me at 225-2000 or www.greecenyc.gov with any questions or comments you may have.

Sincerely,



John T. Auburger
Supervisor



Town of Greece Seeks Creation of Fourth Town Justice

The Town of Greece has announced it will seek voter approval for the creation of a fourth Town Justice; the measure will appear as a ballot initiative in the November election.

"The Greece Town Court system has seen a steady increase in cases since the last Town Justice was added in 1982," said Supervisor John Auburger. "The addition of a fourth Town Justice will allow us to better serve the public and ensure the town judicial system continues to operate in a fair and efficient manner."

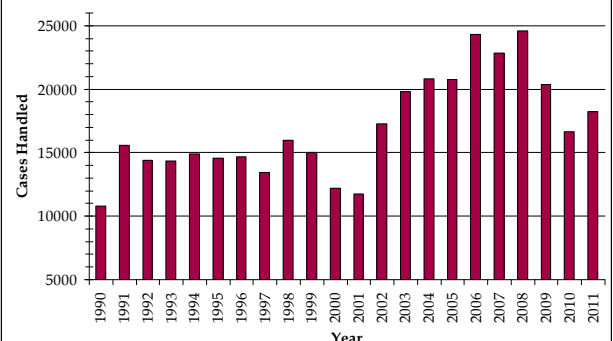
In 1990, the Greece Town Court handled a total of 10,825 cases, 1,798 of which were penal law violations. Compare that to 2011 when the court handled over 18,000 cases with 2,735 penal law violations, making the Greece Court system the 7th largest town court in New York State.

"Adding a fourth Judge will reduce the time it takes to bring cases to a conclusion and bring justice to crime victims," said Councilman Kirk Morris.

"The reality is we have more police officers on the streets making more arrests," said Chief Todd Baxter. "A fourth Town Justice would compliment their work by expediting the issuance of search warrants and the arraignment of suspects, allowing officers to get back on the road more quickly."

If the measure is approved by Greece voters in November 2012, an election for a new judge would take place in November 2013, with the new judge scheduled to take office on January 1, 2014.

TOWN OF GREECE JUSTICE COURT CASELOAD
1990 - 2011



SAVE THE DATES

ANNUAL TOWN OF GREECE VETERANS DAY SERVICE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2012

10:30 A.M.

GREECE TOWN HALL EASTMAN ROOM
ONE VINCE TOFANY BOULEVARD



VETERANS DAY



HONORING ALL
WHO SERVED



Please Join Us!

Annual Town of Greece Christmas Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 5

6:00 p.m.

Greece Town Hall
1 Vince Tofany Blvd.

*Help us kickoff the holiday season with our
annual Christmas tree lighting and a special visit
from Santa Claus!*

*To share with those who are less fortunate,
please bring in non-perishable food items to be
given to the Greece Food Shelf and/or new,
unwrapped Toys to be donated to Two Doors
Community Resource Center.*



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CSC

Friendship • Family • Fun
for Everyone



John T. Auberger
Supervisor



Family Halloween Party Friday, October 26

6:00-7:30pm



DJ

6:00-7:30pm

Spook House

6:00-7:30pm

Games in Gym

6:00-6:45pm

Halloween Crafts

6:00-7:30pm

Pizza in Gym

6:45pm

Families are encouraged to come in
costume



Participants are asked to donate one non-perishable food item per slice of pizza for

Make A Difference Day

No Fee – Greece Residents only



Family Christmas Party Friday

December 14

6:00-7:30pm



Scheduled Activities

Games 6:00-6:45 – Gym

DJ & Dancing 6:00-7:30 – Gym

Christmas Craft 6:00-6:45 – MPR A

Christmas Bingo 6:45-7:30 – MPR A

Refreshments 6:00-7:30 – MPR A & B



Special Guest

Santa Claus

6:00-7:30pm – MPR B & C



No Fee – Greece Residents only

Genesee Land Trust Cuts Ribbon on New Bridge at Island Cottage Woods Preserve in the Town of Greece

Founded in 1989, the Genesee Land Trust is a not-for-profit land trust in the Greater Rochester region working to protect open space for benefit of the public. As one of 1,700 land trusts nationwide, the Genesee Land Trust works to preserve land that includes wetlands, farmland, waterways, woods and native plant and wildlife habitat. One such area is the Island Cottage Woods Preserve in the Town of Greece.

Located along the western bank of Round Pond off Old Island Cottage Road, Island Cottage Woods is a popular location for bird watchers throughout the area as it attracts various migrating birds during spring and fall months. Unfortunately, during the wet spring months birders and hikers often find it difficult to travel through a thin strip of marshland connecting the Land Trust's land with the Schaller Family Woods.

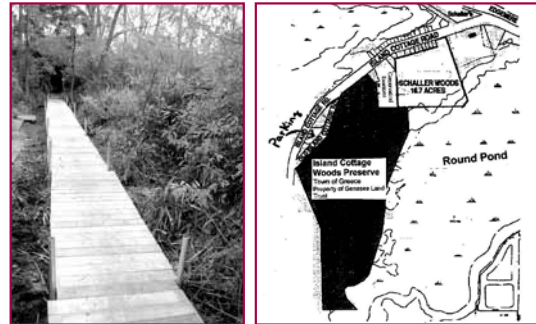
This spring, volunteers from the Genesee Land Trust built a walking bridge along this stretch of wetland. The new bridge provides easy access from one end of the woods to the other, reduces the needs for high boots and enables birders and hikers to explore more of the preserve.

Congratulations to the Genesee Land Trust on this new bridge, and thanks for all that you do protecting lands in the Town of Greece!

Thanks to the Genesee Land Trust for information and pictures used in this article.



Genesee Land Trust volunteers work on the new bridge at the Island Cottage Woods Preserve this spring.



The newly finished bridge at the Island Cottage Woods Preserve in the Town of Greece.

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Be an H2O Hero This Fall!



Storm drains lead directly to nearby water bodies, so keeping lawn and yard care by-products and pool, fountain and spa discharges out of storm drains will reduce the amount of pollutants entering our local waters. As you perform your household chores this fall, following the guidance below will help improve and protect our local water quality, and make you an H2O Hero!

Lawn and Yard Care

- Mulch your leaves to the extent possible. Mulching returns nutrients to the soil and saves the time and work needed to rake and dispose of leaves.
- Sweep up lawnmower clippings from your driveway and adjacent roadway to prevent them from entering storm drains.
- Never dispose of yard waste in a storm drain, and keeping storm drains clear of leaves and debris will help reduce localized flooding during rainfalls.
- NYS Law requires that fertilizer landing on impervious surfaces, such as driveways, roadways and sidewalks, be immediately cleaned up and applied to the lawn or containerized.
- NYS Law prohibits the application of fertilizer on lawns between December 1 and April 1.

Winterizing Pools, Fountains and Spas

- Wait for chlorine levels to be close to zero.
- Drain slowly to the lawn or other landscaped area of your property using a low volume pump or siphon. Do not drain down a driveway or to a storm sewer, stream, pond, or other natural water body.
- Add winter treatment chemicals after draining. This reduces the amount of chemicals needed and saves money. Mix the chemicals in your pool by using a skimmer pole and brush attachment, or similar method.

Household Hazardous Waste – Dispose of old or unwanted fertilizers, pesticides, pool chemicals and other household hazardous waste properly, such as at Monroe County's ecopark. Call (585) 753-7600 (Option 3), or go to <http://www.monroecounty.gov/hhw> to schedule a drop-off appointment.

Be an H2O Hero and remember, Only Rain Down The Drain!

Let's All Do Our Part to Keep Greece Beautiful

The Town of Greece, through the Property Maintenance, Zoning, and NYS Building Codes is tasked through the Technical Services Department to assure that all residents are able to fully enjoy their homes and property without interference or undue distractions from outside parties. These codes allow our residents to enjoy a quality of life, while providing this same right for their neighbor. Listed below are the most common situations that can disrupt these rights:

1. Tall Grass and Weeds – Grass, weeds and plant growth shall be trimmed or cut to avoid the development of places for the accumulation of blowing trash, dumping, rodents, or criminal activity. Enforcement of what “tall” grass is determined by property location.
2. Outdoor Storage of Junk and Debris – The outdoor storage or maintenance of “junk” is not permitted on any lot within the Town of Greece. “Junk” is defined as any manufactured good, appliance, fixture, furniture, machinery, motor or recreational vehicles, or similar object which is abandoned, demolished, discarded, dismantled or so worn and deteriorated to render generally unusable in its present state.
3. Storage and Parking of Motor Vehicles – A junked or unlicensed motor vehicle or part thereof cannot be stored on private property unless the vehicle is completely within an enclosed building. Outdoor storage or parking of motor vehicles cannot be located within the “tree lawn area” (area between the sidewalk and the street) unless winter parking provisions are in effect. Winter parking provisions are in effect from November 1st to April 15th and allow for safe and accessible snow removal by the Town.
4. Garbage and Refuse – Garbage and recyclables are picked up by private collectors. Property owners are responsible for arranging for regular collection from their premises and for providing sufficient receptacles. Garbage and refuse to be picked up must be set out no later than 7:00am on the day of collection, and no material shall be placed at the curb before 12:00pm (noon) on the day before the scheduled pick-up. All garbage/refuse shall be



**Ward 1
Councilperson
Shannon O'Keefe
(Left)**



**Ward 2
Councilperson
Brett Granville
(Right)**



**Ward 3
Councilperson
Andrew Conlon
(Left)**



**Ward 4
Councilperson
Kirk Morris
(Right)**

stored in proper containers of sufficient capacity with handles and shall be watertight. Wheelbarrows, lawn carts, fifty-five gallon drums and wastebaskets are not considered suitable containers for collection of garbage/refuse.

5. Rights-Of-Way – Outdoor storage or display of goods, merchandise or materials (i.e. Metal stakes, rocks, etc) shall not be located in any public right-of-way (tree lawn area), impede passage of pedestrians or interfere with adjoining premises.

We're able to enforce these issues through a coordinated effort initiated by our Constituent Services Department. Residents may report code issues to the Town of Greece at 225-2000; all code complaints remain anonymous.

Upon receiving code complaints, the Code Compliance Office will physically inspect the issue to determine if further action is required. If so, a notification is sent to the property owner detailing what steps need to be taken for compliance. All outstanding non-compliance issues could result in a court appearance; stop work order or fine(s).

For more information or to review the Town of Greece Property Maintenance Code in full, visit www.greeceny.gov/buildpermit/propmaintenance.

TOWN OF GREECE AND MONROE COUNTY PARTNER TO HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

The Monroe County Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Town of Greece are pleased to be hosting an **appointment-only** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Town of Greece Department of Public Works, 647 Long Pond Road, on Saturday, October 20, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

This service is open **to all Monroe County residents**. To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, **appointments are required** at all HHW collections throughout the year. To schedule an appointment, residents should call the Town of Greece Highway Department at 225-4590 or log on to www.monroecounty.gov/hhw. **Waste from businesses will not be accepted.**

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based & Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of Latex Paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain & Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps & waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool & Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) & Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

Items Not Allowed: used motor oil & vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); Propane tanks (permanent HHW facility only); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken – remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle & joint compounds (trash), propane tanks.

If you are unable to take advantage of this mobile HHW collection, the County offers other collection dates. For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call DES at 753-7600 (option 3), or go on-line to www.monroecounty.gov/hhw.

FREE Electronics Recycling Event



Saturday, October 27

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Town of Greece Department of Public Works
647 Long Pond Road

Acceptable Items:

Computers
Televisions
DVD Players
Stereos
Cell Phones
Modems
Servers

Video Gaming Systems
Telephones
VCRs
GPS Units
Fax Machines
Cables
Printers

*Household appliances such as refrigerators, stoves and washing machines will not be accepted





SAVE THE DATE

The Town of Greece in conjunction with the Greece Kiwanis Club Present...

FREE FAMILY EVENT

"Kaleidoscope"

Greece Youth Showcase
Participants: Grades 2-12
Saturday, April 13, 2013
@ The Greece CSC
3 Vince Tofany Blvd.
10:00am – 2:00pm
Sign up February 4—March 22, 2013
Greece Community Welcome





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COLLECTIONS



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DEMONSTRATIONS

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

Northgate Plaza

On October 29, 1953 Northgate Plaza held its Grand Opening ceremony, becoming the first shopping plaza of its kind in Monroe County. Since then, the plaza on Dewey Avenue has undergone various changes and has seen many stores come and go.

At its peak, Northgate plaza stood at nearly 300,000 square feet, had parking for 4,000 cars and featured 30 stores – from McCurdy's and JC Penney's to Wegmans Food Markets, Fanny Farmer Candy Shop, Scrantom's Book and Stationery and many more.

By the late 1980s and early 1990s many of the plazas retailers had either relocated or closed up shop, leaving the future of Northgate Plaza in doubt.

In 2007, the Town of Greece approved the Walmart Supercenter project planned for Northgate Plaza. While the project was delayed five years, the anticipation of the new anchor store led to the revitalization of the landmark Dewey Avenue plaza.

Walmart officially opened their doors in Northgate Plaza on August 15, 2012, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the history of one of Monroe County's oldest shopping plazas. At near capacity, the future is bright and prosperous for Northgate Plaza.

Thanks to the Greece Historical Society for providing information and photos used for this article.



Northgate Plaza 1957 – Available parking spaces were few and far between during the holiday shopping season at Northgate Plaza in 1957.



Northgate Plaza 2010 – After seeing many stores close or relocate, Northgate Plaza experienced a decline. This photo was taken in summer of 2010, about one year before the redevelopment project began.



Northgate Plaza Now – The redeveloped Northgate Plaza in August 2012. The new plaza is anchored by a Walmart Supercenter and is at full capacity – reclaiming its spot as a shopping destination for residents in the Town of Greece and Monroe County.



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Greece Public Library Awarded New York State Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award

The Town of Greece is pleased to announce that the Greece Public Library has been named recipient of the 2012 Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award. The award is named after former State Librarian Joseph F. Shubert and is sponsored by the New York State Regents Advisory Council.

"This award is a true testament to the dedication of Library Director Bernadette Foster, the hard work of the library staff, the continuous support of the Library Board of Trustees and the tireless work of the Friends of the Greece Public Library," said First Ward Councilwoman and Library Liaison Shannon O'Keefe. "We are so fortunate to have such a great team working and volunteering to better the Greece Public Library."

The award is given annually to recognize a library or library consortium that has taken significant steps within the past two years to improve the quality of library services offered to users. The award includes a \$1,000 gift given by the Friends of the New York State Library.

Get Involved!

Town of Greece to Host Volunteer Fair

The Town of Greece is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Community Volunteer Fair on Monday, October 29 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Greece Community & Senior Center, 3 Vince Tofany Boulevard.

This event is designed to allow organizations the opportunity to showcase who they are and what they do, while giving prospective volunteers the chance to learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities in our community. We anticipate participation by various non-profit organizations – from our local fire, police and emergency service organization to senior living, youth sports and much more!

Volunteers are invaluable for many non-profit organizations and help contribute to the success of our community. So remember to stop by the Greece Community & Senior Center on October 29 and learn how you can help make a difference by volunteering with some of our great local organizations.